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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Referred to the Committee on Financial Services

AN ACT

To award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fourteenth Dalai
5 Lama Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds that Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth
3 Dalai Lama—

4 (1) is recognized in the United States and
5 throughout the world as a leading figure of moral
6 and religious authority;

7 (2) is the unrivaled spiritual and cultural leader
8 of the Tibetan people, and has used his leadership
9 to promote democracy, freedom, and peace for the
10 Tibetan people through a negotiated settlement of
11 the Tibet issue, based on autonomy within the Peo-
12 ple's Republic of China;

13 (3) has led the effort to preserve the rich cul-
14 tural, religious, and linguistic heritage of the Ti-
15 betan people and to promote the safeguarding of
16 other endangered cultures throughout the world;

17 (4) was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989
18 for his efforts to promote peace and non-violence
19 throughout the globe, and to find democratic rec-
20 onciliation for the Tibetan people through his “Mid-
21 dle Way” approach;

22 (5) has significantly advanced the goal of great-
23 er understanding, tolerance, harmony, and respect
24 among the different religious faiths of the world
25 through interfaith dialogue and outreach to other re-
26 ligious leaders; and

1 (6) has used his moral authority to promote the
2 concept of universal responsibility as a guiding tenet
3 for how human beings should treat one another and
4 the planet we share.

5 **SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.**

6 (a) PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.—The Speaker of
7 the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem-
8 pore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements
9 for the presentation, on behalf of the Congress, of a gold
10 medal of appropriate design, to Tenzin Gyatso, the Four-
11 teenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring
12 contributions to peace and religious understanding.

13 (b) DESIGN AND STRIKING.—For purposes of the
14 presentation referred to in subsection (a), the Secretary
15 of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
16 retary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems,
17 devices, and inscriptions to be determined by the Sec-
18 retary.

19 **SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.**

20 The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in
21 bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3
22 under such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, at
23 a price sufficient to cover the cost thereof, including labor,
24 materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses,
25 and the cost of the gold medal.

1 **SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.**

2 (a) NATIONAL MEDALS.—The medals struck pursu-
3 ant to this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter
4 51 of title 31, United States Code.

5 (b) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of sections
6 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals
7 struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic
8 items.

9 **SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF**
10 **SALE.**

11 (a) AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.—There is
12 authorized to be charged against the United States Mint
13 Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be nec-
14 essary to pay for the costs of the medals struck pursuant
15 to this Act.

16 (b) PROCEEDS OF SALE.—Amounts received from the
17 sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section
18 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public
19 Enterprise Fund.

Passed the Senate May 25, 2006.

Attest: EMILY J. REYNOLDS,
Secretary.